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Dear Recreational Residence Permit Holder:

Starting in 2025 due to our workload and continued efforts to streamline our Special Use Permit (SUP) application process, the Stanislaus National Forest (STF) will be implementing an annual deadline application period for new project proposals. By utilizing the application deadline, we can better plan our workload and better serve our proponents. A description of how this process will work is included in the next paragraph.

We will receive applications until December 31 each year. This includes any changes proposed for: outside maintenance, remodels, repairs, additions and replacements, and any project that requires soil disturbance. These proposals will be considered for processing prior to the construction season in the following calendar year. Please visit the Stanislaus National Forest Special Use webpage for more information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/stanislaus/passes-permits/?cid=fseprd526700>

Please recognize that more complex projects may require additional information and interaction to produce a project that meets your objectives and is within the Forest Service standards and guidelines. While we will make every effort to provide project input and approval prior to construction season, more complex projects may not make the construction window. Please submit your "Application for Modification/Construction for Recreation Residence Permit Holder" as complete as possible (before getting engineered plans completed) to our central email address: SM.FS.R5StanPermit@usda.gov

Other factors that will determine the priority, timeline and cost for analyzing your proposal include:

- The proposal is a health and safety issues (highest priority)
- Cabin and tract eligibility (eligible for the National Register of Historic Places)
- Complexity of the proposal
- Amount of time necessary for the required analysis for approval of the proposal
- When the proposal is received
- Completeness of the proposal

Proposals sent before the deadline will be date stamped when they are received and will be processed using the prioritization summarized above. Applications will remain in the queue until they are processed. Permit holders who already have a project in for approval do not need to resubmit a request.



In some situations, cost recovery fees may apply to processing your request(s). Cost Recovery regulations were implemented in February 2006 and require the Forest Service to recover costs for processing special use applications and monitoring compliance associated with these proposals. Cost recovery may apply to some of proposals when the analysis of your proposal take considerable staff time.

Much has changed over the last few years with the way we conduct business on public land. Our processes are more complex because of new laws, regulations, and increased public awareness and interest. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we implement this system.

Sincerely,

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